

Are you ready for your first FEI competition after the Transition Period ends?

Travelling horses to compete in Europe will be very different from 1 January 2021, and you'll need to be well-prepared so that your journey is as stress-free as possible.

This guidance is for horses with purple FEI Recognition Cards wrapped around their passports. If you don't have one of these, then the rules are different.



Contact your vet to arrange for blood to be taken within 90 days of travel.



Your horse will need to reside in the UK for 40 days before you leave.



A shipping agent can assist you with paperwork and transit arrangements.



Get your paperwork in order before you set off on your journey.



Your horse will need an Export Health Certificate, signed by an Official Vet.



Plan your route so that you pass through a Border Control Post.



Allow extra time at ports for inspections and paperwork.



Human passports need to have at least six months before they expire.



EU health care cards no longer apply, so ensure you have travel insurance.

If you're using your own vehicle instead of a transporter, driver and vehicle authorisations are also changing – more information can be found [here](#).

This guidance applies to England, Wales and Scotland and isn't exhaustive. There are still a number of areas needing clarification and therefore guidance is subject to change, but you can find the [full details](#) on the British Equestrian website and [here](#) on Defra's web page.